

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) From the information made available, no fertile lands around IFFCO Phulpur plant have become non-productive due to spreading of untreated chemical waste. Since 1994, no releases of effluent have been made by IFFCO. Phulpur plant as it is almost entirely being treated and recycled for internal use.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Role of Armed Forces

2150. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to define the role of the armed forces and other agencies fighting against terrorism in the country especially in North-Eastern States and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the former Director-General of Punjab Police has made demand to this effect and has written a letter to the Prime Minister in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the time by which the Government is likely to take a decision on this issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The role of the Armed Forces and other agencies fighting against terrorism in the country especially in North-Eastern States and Jammu and Kashmir has already been defined as that of carrying-out counter-insurgency operations and providing security to the people and vital installations in close coordination with the State Governments.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. No time-frame can be prescribed for final decisions on the various suggestions put-forward.

[English]

Nexus between Bank Scam and LTTE

2151. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Intelligence Bureau has discovered links between Indian Bank scam and diversion of money to LTTE of Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have taken a note of intelligence report and moved accordingly;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Intelligence Bureau has no information about diversion of money of LTTE of Sri Lanka in the Indian Bank Scam. As such, no report in this regard has been furnished by Intelligence Bureau to the Ministry.

(b) to (e) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Delhi Milk Scheme

2152. SHRI L. RAMANA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the present level of distribution of milk by the Delhi Milk Scheme;

(b) the wastage on account of leakage in view of poor quality of plastic bags;

(c) the steps proposed to use better quality of bags and extend the distribution network to far flung colonies of North-West Delhi ; and

(d) the measures taken to modernise the Delhi Milk Scheme to augment the production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) The present level of distribution of milk by the Delhi Milk Scheme is 3.3 lakh litres per day.

(b) On an average, 100 litres of milk is wasted on account of leakage from plastic bags. However, this leakage is due to various reasons such as voltage fluctuation, machine faults etc.

(c) The percentage of leaky pouches is only about 0.5% which is negligible. DMS is presently supplying milk through 421 milk booths located in North-West Delhi. However, new milk booths are being opened including far-flung areas of North-West Delhi, inhabited by poor people.

(d) Modernisation of the Delhi Milk Scheme is being done continuously by replacing obsolete plants and machinery as and when it is necessary. OMS is presently operating below its installed capacity.

Jumbo Prawn Cultivation

2153. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two member team's report on 'Jumbo Prawn Cultivation' has been examined by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the previous reports presented to the Supreme Court have been sought to be controverted by this two men committee report; and